

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Subject : Salisbury City Council Tree Policy Revision
Committee : Environmental & Climate Committee
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report introduces a some suggested additions to Salisbury City Council's (SCC) Tree policy.

2. Background:

2.1. SCC's Tree Policy has been designed for the following purposes:

- 2.1.1. To establish the responsibility of Salisbury City Council in relation to its tree stock
- 2.1.2. To identify and subsequently adopt a tree risk management system
- 2.1.3. To provide officers and members of the public with advice and guidance in relation to requested remedial tree works
- 2.1.4. To adopt best practice with regards to the appointment and subsequent management of council arboricultural contracts/contractors
- 2.1.5. Tree planting objectives and maintenance

3. Policy Revision:

3.1. Each of the Council's policies is reviewed on a cyclical basis.

3.2. Recommended policy changes have been inserted into Tree Policy Version 5 – DOC92490 and highlighted in red and cover the following areas:

- 3.2.1. Increasing Tree Canopy Coverage
- 3.2.2. CCTV
- 3.2.3. Maintaining Historic Views
- 3.2.4. Trees growing on the Market Square & Guildhall Square
- 3.2.5. Trees growing on allotment plots
- 3.2.6. Pruning lower branches of a tree to enable access for grounds maintenance or recreation.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

4.1. The Committee approve the adoption of the revised policy.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background papers: DOC92490 – Tree Policy Version 5

7. Implications:

7.1. **Financial:** As outlined in this report.

7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report.

7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report.

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** As outlined in this report

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report.